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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
SUBJECT: ELINT Functions of Agency Components

1. This is transmitted to you in your capacity as CIA ELINT Staff Officer. In accordance with the terms of Management Staff project number 5-46, we have reviewed the intra-Agency ELINT functions proposed by the ELINT Advisory Committee. The functions which appear in Tab A include revisions made after discussion among EAC members and representatives of the Management Staff.

2. The Office of Communications functions in Tab A are based upon functional statements prepared several months ago for the Supplemental Programs Division by the Management Staff and approved by General McClelland. The Supplemental Programs Division functions are permissive within the framework of the Office of Communications functions set forth in Tab A. We wish also to bring to your attention changes we have proposed in the DD/P functions regarding responsibility for liaison with foreign governments on ELINT matters.

3. It is recommended that:

a. Functions II A through E of Tab A, pertaining to the CIA ELINT Staff Officer and the participating Agency Offices, be approved.

b. The CIA ELINT Staff Officer be designated Chairman of the ELINT Advisory Committee in order to avoid any potential conflicts in responsibilities.

c. The statements of functions and responsibilities of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the EAC be deleted from the final directive. Such statements are unnecessary since they are specified by the statements of functions for the Committee as a whole. It need only be stated that the Committee members represent, and speak for, their parent Offices.

d. Terms of office and methods of rotation of EAC members be specified.

e. The Agency ELINT program, which is now being prepared and the statements of functions and responsibilities be published in Agency Regulations. In addition it is recommended

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that an Agency Notice of appointments of individuals to membership in the ELINT Advisory Committee be published.

f. The ELINT Regulation contain definitions of all pertinent terms (e.g., ELINT), as well as a basic statement of the purpose of the program. In regard to the latter, we recommend consideration of the statement of purpose contained in our proposed mission of the CIA ELINT Staff Officer.

g. In regard to both the EAC working secretariat and support for the ELINT Staff Officer, it be made clear that personnel are to be provided by the Office of Scientific Intelligence ELINT Branch. The functions of the [redacted] of this Branch are consistent with such responsibilities as well as with responsibilities for participating in the broader, policy-making aspects of CIA ELINT program coordination. It is possible that operating experience under the Agency ELINT program may indicate the desirability of eliminating the EAC as a permanent, formally constituted group.

h. The CIA ELINT Staff Officer, having primary responsibility for the program, arrange for and supervise the preparation of the necessary Regulation and the Notice, in accordance with Regulation [redacted]. It is probable that the Regulation should have controlled distribution, as stipulated in Regulation [redacted].

4. The Management Staff will assist in the preparation of the recommended Regulation if you so desire.

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Chief, Management Staff

Enclosure
Tab A - ELINT Advisory
Committee Functions

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